

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Parris S. Wellman

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Entitled: SPACE-CREATING RETRACTOR WITH VESSEL MANIPULATOR

Sorin Group USA, Inc., a Corporation

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